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Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of:

**Inventor(s): WOLFGANG ZIMMER & ANTONIO VIDAL GARRIDO**

**For: METHOD OF PRODUCING WEAKENED ZONES IN SHAPED  
PLASTIC PARTS BY MEANS OF ULTRA SOUND CUTTING**

**Assignee: PEGUFORM GMBH & CO. KG, Bötzingen, Germany**

☐ Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☐ Application Data Sheet pursuant to 37 CFR 1.76.
- ☒ Specification with 17 pages, 9 claims and 5 sheets of drawing.
- ☒ Declaration with ☒ Power of attorney.
- ☒ Assignment.
- ☒ Cover letter in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §3.31 to accompany the assignment submitted for recording.
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$810.00 for covering the filing fee of \$770.00 and the official fee of \$40.00 for recording the Assignment.
- ☒ Self-addressed postcard.

- ☐ A priority document.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with ☒ PTO-Form 1449 and ☒ copy of reference[s].

- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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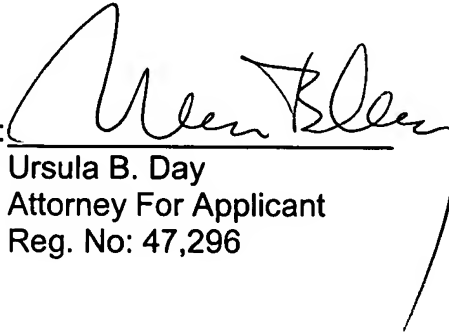
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Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) on the basis of German Patent Application No. 102 56 151.6, filed November 29, 2002.

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